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The mill employe 1,250 workers and manufactures:

Cloth for men's and women's overcoats; Cloth for men's and women's suits;

Woolen blankets;

Rugs;

Upholstery cloth.

Most of these items are exported to the USSR. All the items destined for the USSR are made of 100 perseent pure wool, whereas cloth produced for the domestic market is of inferior quality and contains, at the most, only 50 per cent wool.

2. The workers of the mill do not get fixed wages, but are paid in accordance with their individual output. The following list indicates the gross pay of some of the workers:

Specialized mechanic:

1,000 - 1,100 forints per month

Lathe operator: Blacksmith:

950 - 1,000 forints

850 - 1,000 forints

Carpenter:

500 -700 forints

Weaver:

500 -700 forints

Spinner:

500 -700 forints

Driver (fixed salary):

600 forints

Assistant driver (fixed salary):

570 forints

In order to earn this pay, these workers must work an average of 300 hours each month. The mill is closed on Sundays. Unskilled laborers receive a flat payment of 2.09 forints per hour-worked.

b. Salaries of white coliar workers:

Administrative employees: Administrative chiefs:

700 - 900 forints per month 1,500 - 1,800 forints

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Both the white collar employees and the workers are entitled to buy items manufactured in the mill at a 15 per cent discount. These purchases, however, may not exceed 250 forints per year.

3. Officers of SOTEX are:

Manager: Chief of the Political Police in

Kirochin, a Soviet citizen Political Secretary of the mill: Teresa Rasztovics a former textile worker. Secretary of the Mill Commission: Mrs. Ferenc Radics, a former textile worker.

the mill:

Dénes Takacs, who is also in charge of the fire department.

Manager of the spinning department: Ferenc Freymayer, an ardent Communist. Manager of the weaving department: Laszlo Vodrnig, a nominal member of the Communist Party.

Manager of the machine repair shop: Sandor Horvath, a nominal member of the Communist Party.

Manager of the dyeing department: Chemical engineer Jozeef Varga; he is anti-Communist, but still a nominal member of the Party.

Manager of the rug and upholstery cloth department:

Janos Balla, a member of the Communist Party because of sheer necessity.

4. The mill is equpped with 80 double looms and turns out daily about:

1,200 meters of cloth for men's and women's suits; 600 meters of upholstery cloth;

200 woolen blankets;

350 square meters of rugs of various thicknesses.

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